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In re Application of:)
HIDEKAZU SHIMOMURA) Examiner: E. Cherry
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the following Japanese language documents, which were cited in a Reason For Refusal from a Japanese counterpart application:

- (1) JP 11-281911
- (2) JP 05-303049

Copies of both are enclosed, together with English language abstracts.

These Japanese language documents respectively correspond to the following issued U.S.

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- (3) U.S. Patent No. 6,670,980
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 5,355,244

Document (3) is already of record. Also enclosed are English language translations of the following papers filed in the counterpart Japanese application:

- (5) Argument Against Opposition
- (6) Transmittal Notification of Opposition
- (7) Notification of Reason for Refusal of Correction

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

To the extent that these documents are not already of record, they are listed on the attached form PTO-1449.

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa,
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Respectfully submitted,

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	5,355,244	10/1994	Suzuki, et al.	359	212	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	05-303049	11/1993	Japan			Abstract
	11-281911	10/1999	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	English translation of Argument Against Opposition in Japanese counterpart application No. 2001-394085
	English translation of Transmittal Notification of Opposition in Japanese counterpart application No. 2001-394085
	English translation of Notification of Reason for Refusal of Correction in Japanese counterpart application No. 2001-394085

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